## **Ouray National Wildlife Refuge Vegetation Mapping Project**

## Pale Smartweed Permanently Flooded Herbaceous Vegetation (Map Code 29)

Plot 82

Polygonum lapathifolium Herbaceous
Vegetation was observed on the deepest
portion of Wyasket Bottom, a basin which
occupies a terrace along the east side of
the Green River. This stand grew/was
exposed by July 2000, as the basin in
which it grows dried seasonally, until it
was completely without water.

Plot 83

Location: Only one large stand of

Signature: The lush growth of smartweed creates a very vibrant and distinctive pink signature on CIR photography. Also, the uniform height of this monotypic type creates a characteristic smooth texture. In dry areas the dramatic pink color fades to white and turns to deep blue in flooded areas.

